

Muyuw language

Muyuw language (Egum, Murua, Murua Dukwayasi, Murua Kaulae, Muruwa, Muyu, Muyua, Muyuwa) is one of the Kilivila–Louisiades languages (of the Austronesian language family), spoken on the Woodlark Islands , in the Solomon Sea within Papua New Guinea.

Number of speakers: 6,000 (1998), of them 3,000 are monolinguals. Speakers also use Dobu, Kilivila or Misima-Paneati. Latin script is used.

Dialects included Yanaba, Lougaw (Gawa), Wamwan, Nawyem, Iwa. Iwa dialect is transitional between Muyuw and Kilivila. Lexical similarity 68% with Kilivila.

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Phonology

Phonology of the Muyuw language^[3]:

Consonants

		<u>Labial</u>		<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	
		plain	lab.			plain	lab.
<u>Plosive</u>	voiceless	p	p ^w	t		k	k ^w
	voiced	b	b ^w	d		g	g ^w
<u>Nasal</u>		m	m ^w				
<u>Fricative</u>		v		s			
<u>Lateral</u>				l			
<u>Approximant</u>		w			j		

Vowels

Muyuw	
Region	Eastern New Guinea
Native speakers	6,000 (1998) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Western Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Papuan Tip<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kilivila–Misima<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kilivila<ul style="list-style-type: none">Muyuw
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	myw
Glottolog	muyu1244 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/muyu1244) ^[2]

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Close-mid	e		o
Open-mid	ɛ		ʌ ɔ
Open		a	

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